

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1, 4, and 5 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to these claims raise no new issues requiring further searching or consideration by the Examiner, as all of the amendments derive from claims which have already been examined. Accordingly, entry of this paper is proper.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being obvious over the Adkins publication. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites “a personal computer (PC) adapted to access an Internet phone service” and a personal computer (PC) adapted to access an Internet phone service” and “a mobile station modem to check whether the terminal has been set to a headset mode and, when the check indicates that the headset mode has been set, to alter input/output ports for communicating speech signals of a call between the terminal and personal computer through the built-in wireless communication capability.” The Adkins publication does not disclose these features.

The Adkins publication discloses a mobile handset 28 having dual communication capability. The handset conducts wireless (e.g. cellular) calls in one operating mode and Internet calls in another mode. A user presses a function button “T” to switch between these modes.

In order to establish an IP call, the handset is connected to a base unit 13 through a Bluetooth link. The base unit is then connects to the Internet through a digital subscriber line.

However, unlike claim 1, the base unit is not a PC. In fact, the Adkins publication expressly teaches away from these features. See Paragraph [0003] which discusses one of the drawbacks of the prior art:

Currently, the primary way to utilize phone services offered via the Internet, one must purchase a *computer*, separate handset, logon to the Internet then go to the telephone website. (Emphasis added)

To overcome these drawbacks, the Adkins system uses base unit 13 which intentionally is not a personal computer, but rather a device equipped with a display for performing functions specifically related to the handset. This is apparent from the description of the base unit at Paragraphs [0063] - [0065] with reference to Figure 2. As this description indicates, base unit 13 is not a PC as recited in claim 1.

The Adkins publication also does not disclose the MSM of claim 1. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that a modem of some type must be included in the Adkins handset, for example, to allow the handset to receive e-mails and to perform other back-end functionality. The Adkins publication, however, does not disclose that any modem that might be in handset 20 also performing the function of “[checking] whether the terminal has been set to a headset mode and, when the check indicates that the headset mode has been set, to alter input/output ports for communicating speech signals of a call between the terminal and

personal computer through the built-in wireless communication capability.” The Adkins publication does not disclose these features.”

That is, when function button “T” is pressed on the Adkins handset, voice signals relating to an IP phone call are communicated between the base station and handset. However, unlike claim 1, the Adkins handset does not include a mobile station modem which checks whether the handset has been set to a headset mode for communicating speech signals of a call between the handset and the base station through a Bluetooth link. Instead, the Adkins handset only initiates an IP phone call when the “T” function button is manually pressed by the user, i.e., there is no mobile station modem within the handset that automatically and checks whether the terminal has been set to a headset mode on a basis as recited in claim 1.

Because the Adkins publication does not teach or suggest all the features in claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the Adkins publication cannot render this claim or any of its dependent claims obvious.

Claims 4 and 5 recites features similar to those which patentably distinguish claim 1 from the Adkins publication. It is therefore submitted that these claims are not obvious in view of Adkins. Withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested for these reasons.

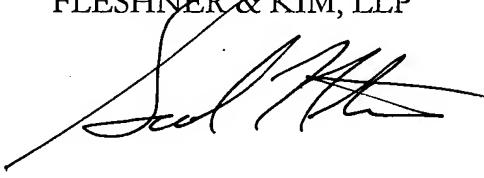
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and timely allowance are earnestly solicited.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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